

THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

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To all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. To those in authority over us. To all our friends and neighbors. To the stranger that is within our gates. To all the prisoners in our jails and penitentiaries. To the sick, the halt, the lame and the blind. For while there is life there is hope, and while there is hope there are gleams of happiness in life.

It has come to us after many years of tribulation that happiness is a state of mind capable of being super-induced in another by a casual word or a pleasant look. And that sorrow can be promulgated by a frown.

A school of philosophers has arisen the last few months who reason that before language was invented that man was comparatively happy, and that bad news did not travel. That it was impossible to worry over what the world thought of you for there were no tale bearers. Dreadful things might happen but when they were over that was the last of the damage that was done, and the mind of man was not harrowed by the details for they could not be communicated. Disasters did not disturb society in epidemic form.

Then language was invented and it seems that after a time all understood the words but that it was not considered permissible to indulge in language without the consent of the listener and that consent was never given. It then became the custom to use language to torture prisoners. When a captive was made, he was pinned to a tree with a spear through the fleshy part of the leg, and the conqueror talked to him while the captive endured it. Then in a more humane day the spear was discarded and the captive was bound with ropes and was talked to.

And so by evil stages language was introduced in the world and unhappiness could be communicated. And to make a virtue of a necessity it has been the constant endeavor of the brotherhood of man to confine communications to pleasant things, but many there be who go about seeking whom they may destroy by unpleasant words.

But there is one gracious and hallowed season of the year when grudging is not permitted and that is the Christmas season, and no matter how bad a person feels he must keep his troubles to himself.

The great apostle of the doctrine of the Christmas spirit was Charles Dickens, and it is said that he did more than any man who ever lived to put Christmas on the proper basis. And the darkest period of the year was made into the brightest and the best.

We therefore charge you to be upon your good behavior and dissemble and smile. George William Curtis said: The lovely legends of the day; the stories and the songs and the half fairy lore that gather around it; the ancient traditions of dusky woods and mystic rites; the magnificence or simplicity of Christian observance, from the pope in his triple tiara, borne upon his portative throne in gorgeous state to celebrate pontifical high mass at the great altar of St. Peter's, to George Herbert humbly kneeling in his rustic church at Bemerton, or to the bare service in some missionary chapel upon the American frontier, the lighting up of Christmas stockings, the profuse giving, the happy family meetings, the dinner, the game, the dance—they are all the natural signs and symbols, the flower and fruit of Christmas. For Christmas is the day which declares the universal human consciousness that peace on earth comes only from good will to men.

Christmas is a state of mind. Let the evil disposed not interfere with it by so much as the batting of the eye.

And let us resolve in the words of Charles Dickens: I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.

The work of the peace conference in Washington was accomplished in a reasonable time and in a decent way. A treaty was prepared and signed and will be submitted to the Senate for ratification that is intended to keep the peace between the nations of the world and to supplement and support the League of Nations, with which supergovernment it is to be filed. It is to be hoped that it will be ratified by the Senate promptly, and it would be a strange thing if it were not, for it certainly ought to receive every vote that the League of Nations got, and it will be introduced and supported by the most distinguished opponents of the League of Nations. The world has been well high ruined by the war. It is hard to see why, for the actual destruction of property was insignificant compared to the value of the property left. All war debts and obligations are set off by a corresponding credits and loans which balance to a cent. If they just will refrain from killing people, business will soon adjust itself.

The proposition to cancel our claims against the nations of the world still persists in some quarters. We take the view that every tax payer in America has a vested interest in these claims and that it is beyond the power of the federal government to impair the obligation of its contract without unanimous consent, and we withhold our consent to the arrangement. The majority of a corporation has great power but it does not extend to the giving away of assets. If we lose after an effort to collect, we and good. It would be in keeping with our usual luck. But as to being a consenting party to cancelling bonds, that is another matter.

England and Ireland patched up a peace treaty by which Ireland is to be allowed to stew her own broth, except that the Independent State of Ulster refuses to coalesce with the rest of the Emerald Isle. As we under-

stand it, Ulster takes the sensible view that it is well to live in Ulster and have the right to have representatives in the English parliament. And south Ireland wants to live in Ireland but does not want to send delegates to London, admitting that the rate of taxation will be higher in the event that it sets up a government as a dominion, in place of remaining as an integral part of the British Empire. It is just another case of not knowing when you are well off. It is our impression that the great mass of the Irish people welcome the change in interest of peace and are not particularly thankful that the issue was forced upon them. But they do not want to shoot or be shot at.

The peculiar part about it is that the fighters in Ulster and the fighters in Dublin, unite in opposing peace. Politics make strange bedfellows. It seems on the whole to satisfy those who hate war. They said in effect that the erring Ulster should go in peace, and that Ulster could remain as a part of the British household. It was a day full of sorrow for the fire eaters.

Congress is trying to do something for the farmer. It is honestly seeking a solution of a problem that has been forced upon its consciousness by the desperate condition of the men who feed and support the nation.

There was a time when it seemed that by making the rate of interest low on farm land security that the relief had been given to the land owners, but a combination of circumstances forced the interest rate up and Congress sat still and refused to pass laws to meet the change, so that it became impossible to float the loans. It must be said that it was short sighted legislation that did not provide for this possible contingency, but it is no excuse for the failure to meet the emergency when it arose.

It would not have been much of a subsidy to allow the farmer to sell himself into the slavery of debt at five or six per cent, but the time came when the farm banks could not loan money at all.

There are millions of farmers who borrow money and run their business so that a living can be made and the debt paid off in time.

As long as there are vast cities to feed, there is bound to be a great demand for food, and it takes capital to raise food in great quantities. We have little hope for relief in the way of changing the cost of marketing, but Congress could recognize that the fact that the government can have no better security than farm land, and provide cheap ready money to finance the farmers. Congress in the past could be induced to vote money to build battleships with no hope of return, whereas they would not lend farmers money on the best of security at a substantial rate of interest.

Now that we have got rid of the battleship, could not congress make every farm an asset on which money, if needed, could be advanced? There is no reason why farm banks should not be established that would have the power to issue currency based on farm loans, which currency should be legal tender. The government would run no risk in standing behind such a system of currency. There is a vast difference between the way that the city financiers look upon land as a security, and the way that country bankers hanker after a lien on a good farm. The city man is afraid of the farm. The country man would rather have a farm as security than anything else. The very fact that a man has owned a farm and has not been sold out makes the farmer an approved risk from a personal standpoint.

We have been considerably interested in the report that there were a thousand deer in Webster county, an estimate given out by an enthusiastic game warden early in the fall. The game and fish commission is out in a statement that fifty deer would be a better guess. The more conservative statement would be that there are deer on a thousand hills in Webster county. The estimate of a thousand deer is too high. On the other hand the estimate from headquarters that there are fifty deer is too low. After mature consideration and much figuring we are inclined to put the number at fifty-three not including the one that got killed in the big snow.

It has always been a question of considerable gravity as to how far a worshiper could go in starting an argument in church. Of all the thousands and thousands of times we have attended church and listened to the instruction afforded we have never heard a voice raised in protest to dispute the teachings there afforded. And it certainly speaks well for the respect given to ministers. But being of a controversial disposition, we have always prayed to be kept from interrupting the services and so far we have not transgressed.

In a lawyers' magazine called Case and Comment, a number of cases were reviewed. In a Nebraska case, a minister in the course of his sermon uttered a statement clearly at variance with the established tenets of the church, and a member of the congregation in a respectful way corrected him from the pew. The court held that the member was actuated with good motives and was not guilty of disturbing religious worship. Otherwise freedom of worship and free speech might be impaired by bigotry and false doctrine. This was on the right of barring brethren from communion on the mere belief that they were unworthy, and the court's decision turned on the point that the utterance of the minister was clearly contrary to the doctrines of the church.

In Georgia, a leader of a prayer meeting denounced a congregation to their faces as coming from the lowest scrapings of the earth. The minister protested and was indicted and held to be not guilty.

In Alabama a member of the church asked permission to address the congregation after the services were ended and before the people had dispersed. He said: "I neither rise to preach, pray, or sing, but I want

to talk to the church. I have meditated, thought, and prayed to know what I ought to do. I demand my letter. I cannot live in the church with liars, thieves, rogues, and murderers." Held to be a violent, passionate, and ill-tempered discourse, and that the speaker was guilty of disturbing religious worship.

So in a case in North Carolina, a member who had been expelled persisted in speaking on the subject after he had been requested by the minister to desist, was found to be guilty.

The learned discussions of the high courts on the question of religious liberty and the statutes that remain, are faint echoes of the days of the martyrs, when men died in torture for disputes with the church. The laws now go no further than to decide what is disorderly conduct, and deal more with a question of good taste and good manners than they do with religious doctrines.

Sir Thomas More, as lord chancellor of England, refused to approve of the marriage of Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn, and this was construed as meaning that he denied the king was head of the church, so they condemned him to be beheaded and cut his head off in the year 1535, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. The prisoner said to the executioner when they got to the scaffold: "See me safe up, for my coming down I can shift for myself."

Historians disagree as to whether More had anything to do with the edifying spectacles of burning martyrs at Smithfield.

In the old days they might burn the martyrs but they could not break their spirits. Generally if they recanted they were not burned. Saint Lawrence burned on a gridiron uttered as his last words: "This side, enough is toasted, so turn me, tyrant, bat, and see whether raw or roasted I make the better meat."

The days have taken a turn for the better and an improvement in the daylight service will soon be noted. As for us we belong to the school which professes a perfect indifference as to whether the earth goes round the sun or the sun goes round the earth. It is a circumstance over which we have no control, and we do not know which is the most agreeable to our ancient constitution and the rights of man.

"Let's go a visiting back to Grigg's Station—
Back where the latch-string hangs outside the door,
And every neighbor round the place is dear as a relation—
Back where we used to be so happy and so pore."
—James Whitcomb Riley

O little town of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet, in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light,
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee to-night.
—Phillips Brooks.

At Christmas tide the open hand
Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land,
And none are left to grieve alone,
For Love is heaven and claims its own.
—Margaret E. Sangster.

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BY ANNA L. PRICE

Christmas is coming—is coming—has come
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Quietly slipping in just as before,
With its gifts and merries—just count them o'er.

A moment for God, let us thank His name,
And sing a sweet song His love to proclaim;
Remember, Christmas re-echoes the birth
Of Jesus, Savior who came to this earth.

With mistletoe, holly, the green Christmas tree,
Children's eyes sparkle such wonders to see;
From root to top it has sprung up o' night,
And blooms like Aladdin to our delight.

Remember the poor, the distressed, the sad,
And if it be possible, make them glad;
For Christmas is coming—has come for all,
We merrily sing on this earthly ball.

CALVIN THOMAS PRICE
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Two years in Heaven,
Two years with God,
Years of happy consciousness,
In that blest abode.

Two years beside the fountain
Of love, of grace, of truth,
Of learning in the higher school,
Two years of mental growth.

Two years of seeing Jesus,
And by Himself inspired,
Active, forever active,
And never one time "tired."

We miss him still, our little boy,
Two years away with God;
And Oh! we do rejoice for him,
Although we felt the rod,
18, Dec 1921. A. L. P.

Honor roll Cove Hill School, Huntersville District, Edyth Morrison, teacher—third month. Clara Belle Sharp, Elizabeth Sharp, Georgia Lee Sharp, Stella Woods, Beulah Carpenter, Leo Hively, Gilmer Sharp, Earl Sharp, Clyde Hively, Neal Sharp, Stri Sharp. Those not absent nor tardy more than once—Martha Low Sharp, Laura Carpenter, Kyle Sharp, Lawrence Carpenter, Ray Woods, Gordon Sharp, Leland Grimes, Roland Sharp.

Order Of Publication

At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1921, the following order was entered:

The First National Bank of Highland, a corporation
vs.
Dorsey Freeman, W. F. Jones & C. W. Lunsford.

The object of the above entitled suit is to obtain a judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendants on a certain promissory note for \$298.49, dated June 3, 1921, payable four months after date, given by the defendant Dorsey Freeman to the defendant W. F. Jones, and by the defendant W. F. Jones endorsed to the defendant C. W. Lunsford, and by the defendant C. W. Lunsford endorsed to the above named plaintiff, and to attach and sell the one-half undivided interest of the said Dorsey Freeman in a tract of 393 acres of land situated on Alleghany Mountain, Pocahontas County, on both sides of the Staunton & Parkersburg Turnpike, to satisfy the said debt. And it appearing by affidavit filed in this cause that the defendant, Dorsey Freeman, is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear here within one month after the date of the first publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

A Copy, Teste:
D. C. ADKISON, Clerk.
A. P. Edgar, Atty.

Order Of Publication

State of West Virginia,
At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1921, the following order was entered:

Don Sullenberger & Loyd Sullenberger, trading as the Highland Mercantile Co.,
vs.
Dorsey Freeman.

The object of the above entitled suit is to obtain a judgment in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendant on a certain promissory note for the sum of \$318.20, given by the defendant to the plaintiffs on the 1st day of January, 1921, with interest thereon until paid, and to attach and sell the one-half undivided interest of the said Dorsey Freeman in a tract of 393 acres of land situated on Alleghany Mountain, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on both sides of the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike, to satisfy the said debt. And it appearing by affidavit filed in this cause that the defendant, Dorsey Freeman, is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear here within one month after the date of the first publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

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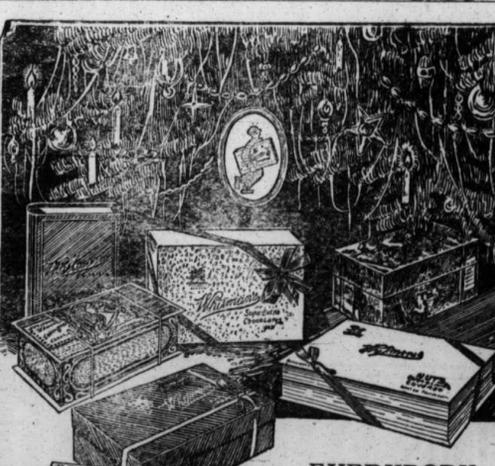
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